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SUBJ: SECURITY COUNCIL EXTENDS UNFICYP MANDATE

1. SC ADOPTED STANDARD RESOLUTION MAY 29 EXTENDING UNFICYP
MANDATE FOR SIX MONTHS. VOTE WAS 14-0-1 (CHINA ABSTAINING.)

2. DEBATE CONTAINED NO SURPRISES, ALTHOUGH EXCHANGES BETWEEN
CYPRIOT AND TURKISH REPS WERE MARKEDLY MORE HEATED THAN IN LAST
FEW MEETINGS ON CYPRUS. ARGUMENT CENTERED MAINLY ON WHETHER
INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, BY THEIR TERMS OF REFERENCE, WERE MEANT TO
PRODUCE A UNITARY OR FEDERAL STATE. (GIST OF STATEMENTS BEING
SENT BY USUN UNCLASSIFIED SUMMARY.)

3. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF US STATEMENT, DELIVERED BY AMB SCHAUFLE.

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THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS THE EXTENSION OF UNFICYP'S MANDATE
FOR AN ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE
AND ADMIRATION TO MAJOR GENERAL PREM CHAND AND THE OFFICERS AND MEN
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OF UNFICYP FOR THE HIGH STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE WE HAVE COME TO EX-

PECT FROM THEM.

IN ADDITION, MR. PRESIDENT, I WANT TO EXTEND OUR SPECIAL APPRECIATION TO MR. B.F. OSORIO-TAFALL WHO, AFTER 7 1/2 YEARS OF IMAGINATIVE, UNDERSTANDING AND PATIENT LEADERSHIP AS THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE IN CYPRUS, WILL SOON BE RETIRING. YOU LEAVE, SIR, NOT ONLY WITH OUR BEST WISHES, BUT ALSO WITH OUR PROFOUND GRATITUDE FOR YOUR HEROIC EFFORTS IN CYPRUS AND ELSEWHERE TO REALIZE THE AIMS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS CHARTER. YOUR CONTRIBUTION WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN.

AT THE SAME TIME WE WELCOME THE APPOINTMENT OF AMBASSADOR WECKMANN-MUNOZ AS THE NEW SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE. IF, FOR LACK OF KNOWLEDGE, ANYONE HAD DOUBTS ABOUT THE SUITABILITY OF THAT APPOINTMENT, AMBASSADOR WECKMANN-MUNOZ'S SKILLFUL DIPLOMACY AS THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE ON THE IRAN-IRAQ DISPUTE HAS QUICKLY DISPELLED THEM.

ONCE AGAIN WE COMMEND THE SECRETARY GENERAL FOR ANOTHER INCISIVE AND IMPORTANT REPORT ON THE CURRENT SITUATION IN CYPRUS. WE HAD HOPED THAT THE LAST SIX MONTHS WOULD HAVE BEEN MARKED BY MORE PROGRESS TOWARD A JUST AND PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT THROUGH THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. ADMITTEDLY THE SUSPENSION OF THOSE TALKS WAS A TEMPORARY SETBACK, BUT WE ARE GRATIFIED THAT THE CONCERNED PARTIES HAVE DEMONSTRATED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO RESUME THE NEGOTIATIONS SHORTLY, AND TO CONTINUE THE SEARCH FOR A PEACEFUL, MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION. IN THIS REGARD, MY DELEGATION WOULD LIKE TO REAFFIRM THE SUPPORT OF THE US. FOR THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS AS THE BEST AVAILABLE MEANS OF ACHIEVING A JUST SOLUTION BASED ON THE CONCEPT OF A SINGLE, SOVEREIGN, AND INDEPENDENT CYPRUS WITH APPROPRIATE GUARANTEES FOR THE SAFETY AND WELFARE OF ALL ITS PEOPLES.

WE HAD HOPED--INDEED WE EXPECTED--THAT THE REDUCTIONS IN THE UNFICYP FORCE LEVEL WOULD BE CARRIED FORWARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S PLANS, UNMARRED BY INCIDENTS, AND LEAVING THE BEGINNINGS OF A MORE STREAMLINED, MORE EFFICIENT UNFICYP. HERE, OUR EXPECTATIONS WERE COMMENDABLY FULFILLED.

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WE ARE EXTREMELY PLEASED THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS BEEN ABLE TO REPORT COMPLETION ON SCHEDULE OF THE PHASE II REDUCTIONS IN THE UNFICYP FORCE LEVELS. MY GOVERNMENT STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE 25 0/0 CUTBACKS WHICH THE SECRETARY GENERAL IMPLEMENTED DURING THE PAST YEAR

THE SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION FOR STILL FURTHER

FORCE REDUCTIONS IS UNDOUBTEDLY WELL-KNOWN BY NOW TO THE MEMBERS OF THIS COUNCIL AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.

AT THE DECEMBER 1973 SESSION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, WHEN UNFICYP'S MANDATE WAS LAST EXTENDED, THE AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE, AMBASSADOR SCHAUFEL, EXPRESSED OUR DELEGATION'S VIEW THAT UNFICYP CAN MOST EFFICIENTLY EXECUTE ITS MANDATE AS AN ESSENTIALLY MEDIATOR OBSERVER FORCE WITH SUBSTANTIALLY FEWER PERSONNEL. EVENTS OF THE LAST SIX MONTHS HAVE NOT ALTERED OUR VIEW.

IN ADDITION TO THE MATTER OF EFFICIENT OPERATION, THE FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES CONFRONTING THE FORCE HAVE STILL NOT BEEN RESOLVED. WE FIND IT INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO JUSTIFY UNFICYP'S MOUNTING DEBTS. WE BELIEVE THAT ALL OF US, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, AS WELL AS TROOP AND CASH CONTRIBUTORS, MUST GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION SEPARATELY AND COLLECTIVELY TO HOW THE COST OF MAINTAINING THE FORCE CAN BE REDUCED. EXPENSES, INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF UNFICYP'S DEBTS, MUST SOMEHOW BE COVERED BY CONTRIBUTIONS AND VERY SOON.

ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT FULLY SHARE THEIR CONCERNS, MY DELEGATION UNDERSTANDS THE RELUCTANCE OF SOME TROOP CONTRIBUTORS AND OTHERS TO SUPPORT FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN UNFICYP FORCES AT THIS TIME. WE TRUST THAT, AS THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS RESUME THEIR COURSE, THE NECESSITY FOR AND DESIRABILITY OF FURTHER CUTS WILL BE ACCORDED PROMPT AND SERIOUS CONSIDERATION. THE SECRETARY GENERAL, IN HIS REPORT, HAS LEFT THE DOOR OPEN TO FURTHER REDUCTIONS AND RESTRUCTURING, WHICH WE BELIEVE ARE FINANCIALLY NECESSARY, OPERATIONALLY FEASIBLE, AND FULLY WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE FORCE'S PRESENT MANDATE.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION WHICH ESTABLISHED UNFICYP SPELLED OUT RATHER CLEARLY THAT THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTAINING PEACE AND INTERNAL ORDER RESTED WITH THE PARTIES; UNFICYP WAS GIVEN A

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IMPORTANT, BUT ESSENTIALLY A SUPPORTING, ROLE. WE ENVISION A STREAM-LINED OBSERVER/MEDIATOR UNFICYP WHICH WOULD STILL "USE ITS BEST EFFORTS TO PREVENT A RECURRENCE OF FIGHTING" AND WOULD "CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE TO MAINTENANCE AND RESTORATION OF LAW AND ORDER AND RETURN TO NORMAL CONDITIONS." UNQTE
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